THE COPPY OF A LETTER

SENT BY *WILLIAM LAVD* Arch-Biſhop of *Canterburie*, to the UNIVERSITIE of *OXFORD*.

Wherein he relates his preſent condition, and Reſignes the Office of his Chancellourſhip, with an Advertiſement, for the Election of another.

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A LETTER WRITTEN BY THE Arch-Bishop of *Canterburie* to the Vniversity of *Oxford*.

MY present condition is not unknown to the whole world, yet by few pitied, or deplored. The righteous God best knowes the Iustice of my sufferings; on whom both in life and death I will ever depend, the last of which shall be unto me most welcome, in that my life is now burthensome unto me, my mind attended with variety of sad and grievous thoughts, my soule continually vexed with anxieties and troubles, groaning under the burthen of a displeased *Parliament*, my name dispersed, and grossly abused

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ſed, by the multiplicity of libellous Pamphlets, and my ſelfe debar'd from my wonted acceſſe to the beſt of Princes, and 'tis *vox populi* that I am popiſhly affected. How earneſt I have been in my diſputations, exhortations, and otherwiſe, to quench ſuch ſparks, leſt they ſhould become Coales, I hope after my death you will all acknowledge, yet, in the midſt of all my afflictions, there is nothing hath ſo neerely touch't me, as the remembrance of your free and joyfull acceptance of me to be your Chancellour, and that I am now ſhut up from being able to doe you that ſervice, which you might juſtly expect from mee; When I firſt received this honour, I intended to have carried it with mee to my Grave, neither were my hopes any leſſe, ſince the *Parliament* by his *Majeſties* command committed me to this Royall Priſon; But ſith (by reaſon of matters of greater conſequence yet in hand) the Parliament is pleaſed to precraſtinate my tryall, I doe hereby as thankefully reſigne my office of being *Chancellour*, as ever I received that dignity, entreating you to elect

ſome Honourable perſon, who upon all occaſions may be ready to ſerve you, and I beſeech God ſend you ſuch a one, as may doe all things for his glory, and the furtherance of your moſt famous Vniverſitie. This is the continuall prayer of

Tower, June 28, 1641.

Your dejected Friend and Chancellour, being the laſt time I ſhall write ſo,

W. Cant.

FINIS.